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## PRAISE & prayer

- Last time we reported getting three new signers, and three to be evaluated. We got one more. We are truly blessed to have four of them on the board with our current signer teams. We will be evaluating one more in the month of August.
- Our closing on our new house was a very smooth transition.

I want to introduce you one of our signers, Jenny, who started working with us on June 1<sup>st</sup>. She was raised in a Deaf family; ASL was the primary language used within her home. She attended Gallaudet University. During her college years, she admitted to drifting away from the Lord. **She felt when she drifted away, God would not want to welcome her back.** She struggled with this feeling until she moved to Minnesota four years ago, where she began working at the Deaf school as an ASL Specialist. At work, she met a wonderful Christian. For the past two years, Jenny has been attending church. While she was growing in her faith through church and friends, **she was still struggling with believing that God would accept her in spite of her past "baggage".**

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LET US ALSO LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND SIN WHICH  
CLINGS SO CLOSELY

*And let us run*

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WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US.

As she learned more about God and Jesus as her personal Savior, **she started to hunger to share the native ASL skills God gave to her with people.** One day, one of our team members suggested she become part of our signer team and she was willing to give it a try. She came to our evaluation session where we evaluated her ASL skills and her ability to interact with the camcorder and the screens with scripts, etc. At first, she found it to be a challenging experience. After the evaluation, we asked her how she felt about this experience and how she felt handling the set up and content. She said it was a very unique experience and greatly enjoyed it. **She said before she left the evaluation, she had been praying that God would use the ASL skills He gave her with Deaf people and felt that she found her calling. We offered her the position as a signer, which she quickly accepted with excitement.**

During one of the filming sessions, we worked on the Parable of The Lost Sheep in the Gospel of Luke 15:1-7. At the beginning of the session, she looked at me and said, *"That one really hit home, and I can really connect with this story. I can see through this story how God does forgive my 'baggage' and wants me to be with Him regardless."*

For a few years, Jenny has been waiting for the right time to declare her faith by water baptism. In June, **she decided to make a public declaration of her developing and growing love for God through baptism.**

In any ministry, if we are to reach the lost with the Gospel, bringing them to redemption through Jesus Christ, we must partner together to accomplish His work! Whether it be through...

- participants in community checks,
- prayer partners,
- the Deaf and hearing community,
- financial donors, or
- partner organizations.

This summer, I had several opportunities to connect with vital partners of DOOR International.

## walking together PARTNERS IN MINISTRY



In June, I had an opportunity to travel and give a presentation at the **Oklahoma Educational Interpreter Training Institute** in Sulphur, Oklahoma. During one of the workshops, I explained how I got involved with DOOR and how sign language Bible translation works. I showed them signs that most churches may not be familiar with. Several interpreters at the workshop do interpreting at churches with Deaf in the congregation; they were thrilled to learn how DOOR translates from the written Word into American Sign Language.

After the workshops, I had the opportunity to do **two community checks at New Life Deaf Fellowship in Sulphur, Oklahoma**. Mark Sorenson, a DOOR colleague, and our Community Check Coordinator, Ali, joined me. We received wonderful feedback from the people at New Life Deaf Fellowship.

At the spur of the moment, we were blessed to have another community check at Deaf Bible Society (DBS) in Arlington, Texas. We had a wonderful group of Deaf participants, from which we also received wonderful feedback. DBS is a partner organization of DOOR; they assist with distribution of DOOR's Chronological Bible Translations through their website: [www.deafbible/](http://www.deafbible/) and through their Smartphone app. They also do work with many other organizations around the world assisting them with distribution of Deaf Scripture and Deaf Christian resources. **We are grateful for the DBS team and their partnership with DOOR International.**

DOOR International's mission is to bring God's Word and reproducing Christian fellowship to the Deaf of the world. DOOR is a non-denominational, non-profit (501(c)3) Christian mission organization of many Deaf people (and a few hearing people).



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